

AMENDMENT TO THE CLAIMS

1.-11. (canceled)

12. (previously presented) Transport container system, comprising:

a non-foldable or foldable crate,

the crate comprising a rectangular bottom and four rigid lateral wall adjoining the bottom and defining a rectangular opening in a plane parallel to the bottom,

a unitary top for augmenting height of the lateral walls of the crate and thereby providing a transport container of a increased volumetric capacity,

the top being constituted of a natural material and comprising four rigid lateral walls of sufficient strength to permit transport container stacking and defining a rectangular opening conforming to the rectangular opening of the crate, and

fasteners for attaching the top when unfolded, to the crate at the opening thereof so that the lateral walls of the top augment height of the lateral walls of the crate,

wherein the lateral walls of the crate are structured to define a lattice, and

wherein said fasteners are attached to the top and are releasably engageable with the lattice structured lateral walls of the crate.

13. (previously presented) Transport container system according to claim 12, wherein

the top has respective fold lines at corners thereof whereby the top is foldable into a compact configuration when not in use.

14. (previously presented) Transport container system according to claim 12, wherein

the top comprises wood or cardboard and is thereby suitable for disposal after single use.

15. (canceled)

16. (previously presented) Transport container system according to claim 12, further comprising
corner stiffeners at corners of the top.

17. (previously presented) Transport container system according to claim 12, wherein

said top can be folded up via fold lines in the corners,
on its side that faces the crate opening said top conforms in shape to the crate opening formed by said lateral walls of said crate, and
for stacking, at its side facing away from the crate opening and at its side facing the crate opening at least at the corner areas of said bottom said top is embodied with a profile that conforms a profile of said lateral wall parts of said crate and said bottom and that can be placed on the upper side of said lateral walls of said crate.

18. (Withdrawn) Top for a transport container system comprising a non-foldable or foldable crate which has a rectangular bottom and four rigid lateral walls adjoining the bottom and defining a rectangular opening in a plane parallel to the opening, the top comprising four rigid lateral walls connected in the configuration of a rectangular frame of sufficient strength to permit transport container stacking and defining an opening matching the opening of the crate, whereby the top is configured for augmenting height of the crate thereby to increase volumetric capacity of the container system, the top having a respective fold line at each corner thereof and being foldable along the fold lines into a compact configuration when not in use.

19. (Withdrawn) Top according to claim 18, wherein the top is dimensioned so as to fit on a crate of dimensions that fit a EURO palette.

20. (Withdrawn) Top according to claim 18, wherein the lateral walls of the top each have an irregular edge for being received in mating engagement with irregular edges of the lateral walls of the crate thereby to provide stable stackability of a plurality of transport containers.

21. (Withdrawn) Transport container system comprising a top according to claim 18, and fasteners attached to the top for engagement with the lateral walls of the crate.

22. (Withdrawn) Top according to claim 18, wherein the lateral walls are comprised of cardboard and are 3 to 10 cm high.

23. (Withdrawn) Top according to claim 18, wherein the lateral walls are 3 to 6 cm high.